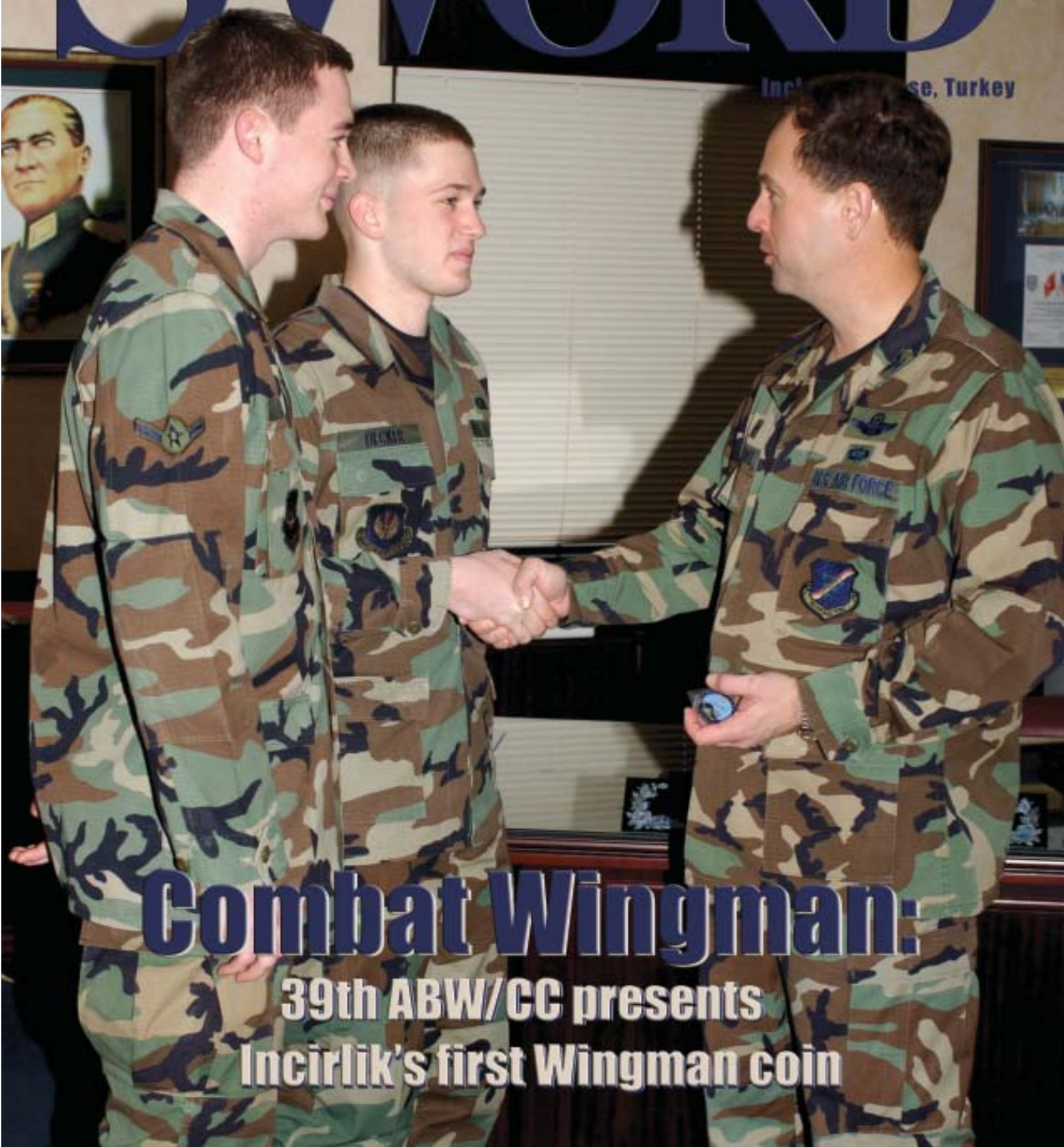


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Combat Wingman:

39th ABW/CC presents
Incirlik's first Wingman coin

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On the cover:

Col. Michael Gardiner, 39th Air Base Wing commander, presents Airman Kenneth Case III (left), 39th Communications Squadron network infrastructure technician, and Airman 1st Class Jason Decker, 39th CS network management technician, with a wingman's coin for helping out a fellow Airman. (Photo by Airman Bradley Lail)

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A new year filled with opportunities and challenges is before us once again. It's important to know where we're heading, and how we'll get there, as we start on the journey that will take us through 2005 — that is the purpose of goals.

Goals may be national, organizational, or personal. Their purpose, at all levels, is the same — they give us a target to shoot for! If we don't set goals, we don't know what we're aiming for and have no idea if or when we hit the target.

Here are just a few of our goals in USAFE for 2005:

- ♦ Facilitate OEF/OIF support through the correct positioning/utilization of USAFE assets
- ♦ Continue to expand our USAFE Cooperation Team Concept to exploit every opportunity to support the GWOT through security cooperation
- ♦ Execute Weapons Training Deployments to locations that support AFE 2020
- ♦ Finalize the structure, organization, & roles/responsibilities of our Warfighting Headquarters
- ♦ Implement a two year Dormitory Project to identify and support those high payoff / low cost projects in our dorms to improve the quality of living for our dorm residents
- ♦ Continue to mature USAFE University to identify/correct gaps and redundancy in our training and education
- ♦ Achieve IOC on the Combat Support Center of Excellence, the Joint Fires Center of Excellence and an Air-to-Air Center of Excellence, & introduce NATO/EUCOM members

We would never leave on a long family vacation without a destination or purpose in mind. This could lead quickly to wasted time, frustration and disappointment instead of enjoyment. We do a similar thing when we fail to set personal goals for our future. As we begin the new year, take time to establish personal goals. Ask yourself what you want to accomplish this year. It could be a physical goal like improving on your fitness test, or a mental goal like starting or completing an advanced academic degree program, or maybe a professional goal such as acing a promotion exam. Whatever you choose — begin your journey with a destination in mind!

Don't lose focus on your goals after you create them. It's easy to establish goals and then quickly forget them as we react to the fires of the day. Always keep your goals in mind. If the goal is long-term, establish shorter goals that will help you measure your progress as you stay on target.

Don't give up! Some goals will be easy while others may take a long time to achieve. We may become discouraged along the way and experience setbacks in our plans, but keep pressing ahead — the rewards are worth it!


General Doc Foglesong


CMSgt Gary Coleman

"Bring Your Courage"

Action Line

Holiday volunteerism, spirit of giving spreads holiday cheer

Concern: My name is Mrs. Annabel Vurgun. I am one of five American telephone operators working for International Telephone and Telegraph and we just want to extend our thanks and appreciation to

Project Cheer, the 39th Communications Squadron's first sergeant, Master Sgt. Dennis Wingett, and his family, and the services squadron for their thoughtfulness during the holidays.

Christmas Day myself and another operator were on duty for the swing shift, needless to say, we were extremely busy from the time we came in to the time we left our eight-

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COMMANDER'S COMMENTS



By Col. Michael Gardiner,
39th Air Base Wing commander

the 39th Services Squadron who were recognized as best in U.S. Air Forces in Europe. The 39th SVS received the Food Service Excellence Award, which recognizes the services and operations at the Sultan's Inn dining facility. They will now compete at the Air Force level for the Hennessy Trophy.

I also congratulate Tech. Sgt. Jeffrey Thomas, who was selected as the 16th Air Force's Outstanding NCO Supply Technician of the year.

Fire safety

Fire safety is a year-round concern. Most fires can be avoided by not leaving cooking unattended, but the best defense in case a fire flares up is knowing what actions to take. A residence in Incirlik family housing had a cooking fire last Saturday, but because of quick, decisive action, damages were kept to a minimum. In case of a cooking fire:

- ◆ Cover it
- ◆ Turn off the heat
- ◆ Report it, even if you put it out
- ◆ Do not move it
- ◆ Do not use water to extinguish
- ◆ Use a fire extinguisher, if needed

6-RIDE volunteers needed

To help keep Incirlik free from DUIs, the safety office is asking for volunteers to man the 6-RIDE hotline. The program gives individuals who have had too much to drink a free chance to safely get home without harm-

ing others by driving while intoxicated.

People who use 6-RIDE do not get reported to their chain of command, and it doesn't harm their career, but not calling 6-RIDE or arranging for a designated driver will!

For more information or to volunteer, call Staff Sgt. Michael Bacon, 39th Air Base Wing Safety Office, at 6-7233 (SAFE) or e-mail him at michael.bacon@incirlik.af.mil.

Force Protection

Another long weekend is upon us and I encourage you to get out and enjoy Turkey, absorb some of the culture and, most importantly, do so safely. Remember to dress conservatively and ensure if you are taking a road trip, your vehicle is tuned and you are prepared for the increased probability of encountering ice or snow on the roads.

Also, have an emergency plan, just in case. As part of that plan have an emergency kit in your vehicle, which includes a first-aid kit, water and blankets.

Someone in your chain of command should know your itinerary and how to contact you, you should know how to dial emergency numbers when off base and you should never travel alone.

In case of an emergency while off base dial 112 for an ambulance, 154 for traffic police and 155 for police emergencies. Have a great weekend!

Martin Luther King Jr. Day

The Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. annual observance kicked off at Incirlik with a ceremony Thursday in the chapel annex. I would like to thank everyone who helped make this ceremony a reality as well as those who took time out of their busy schedules to attend and support this effort.

Dr. King's vision of embracing each others' diversity to the benefit of us all remains an ideal we strive for in the Air Force and as a nation. "Remember, celebrate and act – A day on, not a day off," is the motto for the Incirlik celebration and serves as a reminder that we are all capable of actions that further progress in a positive direction. Dr. King's birthday is officially observed Monday.

Congratulations

Congratulations to the men and women of

Dark Ages vs. Combat Wingman:

Seasonal showdown continues year round, can strike anyone

By Col. Michael Gardiner
39th Air Base Wing

It is officially the Dark Ages period of the year. While we are blessed with far nicer weather here than at most USAFE bases, the days are short, the excitement of the holidays is over, and all of us face tough exercises and hard work getting ready for a demanding inspection in March. In addition, some of you will be deploying downrange in late Spring as we join the rest of the Air Force in supporting the AEF process.

This is the time of year when you need your Wingman most. A Wingman is more than a name on a piece of paper or a person saying, "Yeah, I'll sign your card." The Combat Wingman approach is not simply a "check in the box" either. It is literally a "saver." A life-saver, a career-saver, a sanity-saver and more.

We made it through the holidays with very few incidents, but Combat Wingman is not a concept to be used only Dec. 25 and 31. Wingmen must look out for each other throughout the season, throughout the year – during the Dark Ages, Springitis, Dog Days of Summer and Fall. The Wingman card you signed did not cite specific

dates you are to render help and support, it is a continuous commitment.

I focus on the Dark Ages partly because the winter's short days and long nights may bring your wingman a new challenge – Seasonal Affective Disorder. One in 20 adults suffer from SAD complete with symptoms such as crying spells, lethargy, fatigue, cravings for sweets and starches, headaches and sleep problems. SAD, coupled with distance from family and friends, can be particularly detrimental to the morale of the base and the mission.

Wingmen must be vigilant now to help combat the symptoms of SAD as well as the stress and anxieties this time of year brings. Credit card bills will be coming in soon from the shopping season and financial problems might arise. Unaccompanied or deployed Airmen may not "feel the love" around Valentine's Day as they spend the holiday away from loved ones. Family days may take on a different meaning for those away from family. We must take care of our people now and every day.

Military history is filled with stories of heroism and sacrifice. The accomplishments of Medal of Honor recipients almost invariably involves saving or protecting their "Wingman." Even Hollywood understands the power of a "Wingman." Could you imagine Wingmen (Goose, Tonto, Chewbacca, Mr. Spock and Luca Brozzi) from the

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Wingman

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movies telling their pilots/partners (Maverick, Lone Ranger, Han Solo, Capt. James T. Kirk and Don Corleone), "Well, the holidays



are over. You go your way and I'll go mine. But, I will watch your back next year"? Not a chance, it would have made lousy entertainment but

more importantly the whole moral of taking care of each other would be lost.

Examples of the past and those from the movies can send a powerful message that people should look after one another, but so should everyone at Incirlik Air Base. I am proud of the effort and commitment of Incirlik Airmen that I see every day. I want us to take that effort and commitment to the next level and get proactive. Seek out opportunities to be a better Wingman. Take advantage of the Wingman Specials hosted by the 39th Services Squadron or create your own squadron Wingman event. Make your Wingman feel as if he or she is important not only because you signed a card but because you have their six.

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hour shift. But we weren't complaining because we knew that we were giving the Incirlik community a chance to get in touch with their loved ones whether it be downrange or back in the states. We knew that it meant a lot to them.

While on duty, I received a call from Sergeant Wingett saying that he would be over with cookies and hot chocolate. We can't even begin to tell you how surprised we were because most people don't know where we are and to be remembered on a family-oriented day was overwhelming.

We know that Project Cheer was established for unaccompanied Airmen and to be on the receiving end of the "Cookie Caper," it really made our night. Sergeant Wingett, his family and another military member came by with a beautifully decorated bag of cookies, hot chocolate and a sandwich. It was really touching and it really felt like Christmas because we did not expect it.

I'd like to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to all the people involved in Project Cheer and all the family members who took the time to bake those delicious cookies. I'd also like to thank Sergeant Wingett and his family for bringing back the spirit of giving. It really means a lot. In this day of technology, e-mail and cell phones, you never get to see anyone like you did back when I was in the military. Thank you very much.

I would also like to thank the services squadron for allowing the Sultan's Inn to open their doors to civilians and family members Thanksgiving and Christmas Day. The meals were wonderful and the service provided by the Turkish and American people working was great.

I realize that the Cookie Caper and the Sultan's Inn opening its doors on those two days have been around for years, but this is the first year I was on the receiving end. Nowadays, most people, although they may be thankful and appreciative, don't take the time to thank the people responsible. I did not want to be one of them. A little thank you goes a long way. I know, because out of the hundreds calls we received that night, I received a call from an individual who, before saying where he wanted to call, thanked me for working that night and for putting the calls through. It really made my night.

Thank you everyone!

Response: Thank you for taking the time to thank Master Sgt. Dennis Wingett, 39th Communications Squadron first sergeant, his family and all of the hard working people of team Incirlik who took the time to reach out to the community as a whole. It is certainly a pleasure to receive such positive comments.

I am glad that you were able to take part in the holiday meals at the Sultan's Inn and were the recipient Cookie Caper, which was spearheaded by Project Cheer. To all of those who helped make the holidays special for others I commend you. Take a moment to accept this well deserved pat on the back.

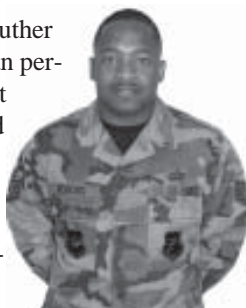
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YOUR TURN

What contributions do you feel Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. made to the world?

"Dr. Martin Luther King put a human perspective on what some considered just a bad situation. He made all races conscious of inhumane suffering."



— **Master Sgt. Nathaniel Jenkins**, 39th Operations Squadron

"He had a dream that all people should be free and equal."



— **Haley Hill**, Incirlik Elementary School 2nd grader

"He gave the belief of hope."



— **Airman 1st Class Shawn Hinkle**, 39th Maintenance Squadron

"I believe Dr. Martin Luther King gave the minorities more freedom and more rights."



— **Airman 1st Class Mary Prince**, 39th Security Forces Squadron

"He made it easier for people of all races to come together for the betterment of mankind."



— **Airman 1st Class Steven Cherry**, 39th Security Forces Squadron

To submit a question for "Your Turn," call 6-6060 or e-mail tip.sword@incirlik.af.mil

Incirlik gate pass re-issue to start Tuesday

By Staff Sgt. Shanda De Anda

39th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

The 39th Air Base Wing will start the mass re-issue of all active-duty, civilian and family gate passes Tuesday and will continue through Feb. 28.

The processing for the passes will take place in Building 833 in the old location of the base education center, which is the first door to the right when entering the entry control point.

"Regardless of the expiration date on old passes, most of which expired Dec. 31 (or 31 ARA 04 as annotated on gate passes), will be accepted by gate guards until 4:30 p.m. Feb. 28, when they officially expire," said Staff Sgt. Tom Wagner, 39th Security Forces Squadron pass and registration NCO in charge.

People who are leaving within the next 60 days can go to the 39th SFS Pass and Registration Office to receive a temporary gate pass for the duration of their stay.

The re-issue process was simplified and now people can get photos taken and the paperwork portion accomplished at the same time.

"We have tried to further simplify the process by having dependents and sponsors process the same day," said Sergeant Wagner. "People not here during the re-issue can get a new gate pass upon their return. However, if they return after the Feb. 28 deadline the same paperwork required to get a new pass will be required to access the base."

People are required to bring the following documents with them to the reissue:

Active Duty, who must be in uniform, and self-sponsored Department of Defense civilians:

- ♦ Completed permanent gate pass application
- ♦ Copy of PCS order and amendments or extension
- ♦ Copy of ID front and back
- ♦ Copy of red stamped NATO orders

Civilian sponsors:

- ♦ Completed permanent gate pass application
- ♦ Copy of PCS order and amendments or extensions
- ♦ Copy of ID front and back
- ♦ Copy of passport (picture and red "GIRIS" stamp pages)
- ♦ Copy of residency permit (picture and expiration pages)
- ♦ Copy of sponsor's red stamped NATO orders
- ♦ Copy of DEROS letter (job verification letter if applicable)

Military dependents (age 12 and older):

- ♦ Completed permanent gate pass application
- ♦ Copy of PCS orders and any amendments or extensions
- ♦ Copy of sponsor's red stamped NATO orders
- ♦ Copy of sponsor's ID card front and back
- ♦ Copy of dependent's ID card front and back
- ♦ Copy of passport (picture and red "GIRIS" stamp pages)
- ♦ Copy of NUFUS card (applies to local nationals only)
- ♦ Copy of marriage book (picture and next two pages; applies to local nationals only, if applicable)
- ♦ Copy of residency permit (picture and expiration pages)
- ♦ Copy of command sponsorship letter (if applicable)

Civilian dependents (age 12 and older):

- ♦ Completed permanent gate pass application
- ♦ Copy of sponsor's PCS orders and any amendments or extensions
- ♦ Copy of sponsor's red stamped NATO orders
- ♦ Copy of sponsor's ID card front and back

Gate pass re-issue unit schedules

Gate pass paperwork will be taken at Building 833 in the old education office on the following days from 8 to 11 a.m. and from noon to 4 p.m.:

Tuesday — 39th Security Force Squadron	Communications Squadron (Noon to 4 p.m.)
Wednesday — 39th SFS	Feb. 9 — 39th Communications Squadron
Thursday — 39th SFS	Feb. 10 — 39th Comptroller Flight; 39th Contracting Squadron
Jan. 21 — 39th Maintenance Squadron	Feb. 11 — American Forces Network—Incirlik (8 to 11 a.m.); Logistics Readiness Squadron (8 to 11 a.m.); Detachment 1 (Noon to 4 p.m.); 39th Services Squadron (Noon to 4 p.m.)
Jan. 24 — 39th MXS	Feb. 14 — Detachment 4, 39th Mission Support Group, 39th Maintenance Group, 39th ABW legal office, and Vinnell, Brown and Root (8 to 11 a.m.); VBR (Noon to 4 p.m.)
Jan. 25 — 39th Logistics Readiness Squadron	Feb. 15 — All others (8 to 11 a.m.)
Jan. 26 — 39th LRS	Feb. 16 — All others (8 to 11 a.m.)
Jan. 27 — 728th Air Mobility Squadron	Feb. 17 — All others (8 to 11 a.m.)
Jan. 28 — 728th AMS	
Jan. 31 — 39th Medical Squadron	
Feb. 1 — 39th MDS	
Feb. 2 — 39th Air Base Wing	
Feb. 3 — 39th Operations Squadron	
Feb. 4 — 39th Civil Engineer Squadron	
Feb. 7 — 425th Air Base Squadron	
Feb. 8 — 39th Mission Support Squadron (8 to 11 a.m.); 39th	

People unable to attend during their units scheduled time can apply for a new gate pass throughout the year at the pass and registration office.

- ♦ Copy of dependent's ID card front and back
- ♦ Copy of sponsor's passport (picture and red "GIRIS" stamp pages)
- ♦ Copy of dependent's passport (picture and red "GIRIS" stamp pages)
- ♦ Copy of residency permit (picture and expiration pages)
- ♦ Copy of command sponsorship letter (if applicable)
- ♦ Copy of DEROS letter (job verification letter if applicable)
- ♦ Copy of NUFUS card (applies to local nationals only)
- ♦ Copy of marriage book (picture and next two pages; applies to local nationals only, if applicable)

If applicants do not have a residency permit, they must obtain a temporary gate pass until they are able to obtain their residency permit.

After the paperwork is turned in, the passes will be submitted to Turkish Pass and ID for approval. Passes may be picked up at the American pass and registration office three to five duty days afterward. E-mail notifications will be sent once passes are ready. Old gate passes must be turned in to receive a new one.

Anyone who does not have their old gate pass must report the loss to the law enforcement desk and complete a loss letter, which will be signed by the 39 Air Base Wing commander.

For more information, contact Pass and Registration at 6-6617 or go online to the Source, "39th Security Forces Squadron," Pass and Registration."

Meshed spouse's club envisions fresh start

By 1st Lt. S.J.B. Bryant
39th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

The Incirlik Officer's Spouse Club has meshed with the Incirlik Enlisted Spouse Club into what is now called the Incirlik Consolidated Spouse Club as of Jan. 1.

The change, according to Jennifer Bissonnette, the IOSC's previous president, was prompted after complications arose in reinstating the IESC this year after spouses were evacuated from the base last year.

"The club was integrated because there was hear-say from the enlisted spouses that they were interested in joining the activities the IOSC had to offer," said Mrs. Bissonnette. "The ICSC wants to provide all spouses the opportunity to make connections with other spouses in a fun and relaxed environment."

It was during this time last fall that Sandy Caughlin joined the club as honorary president and shared her insight that a need in the community was not being met, according to Richelle Kemper, ICSC social chairman. That is when Ms. Caughlin suggested the enlisted spouses join forces with the officer spouses.

Most bases have both groups, which are active in the community, said Mrs. Kemper. But every base has its own needs and interests and Incirlik needed one place where all spouses could get together to provide each other with a support group that offers social and volunteer opportunities to make the time in Turkey as memorable as possible.

"Spouse's needs at Incirlik are many, even though this base is small and has such a small town feel," said Mrs. Kemper. "It is great to have a club that sponsors activities and helps spouses feel integrated in a military community. It gives us an opportunity to fit in an environment different from our own culture."

The club will be busy, according to Mrs. Kemper, who is organizing several monthly events to entertain spouses. Currently, monthly meetings and socials are held at the club on the third Thursday of the month and includes a meal, usually a dinner or a lunch. For example, May's meeting and social will be in the form of a progressive dinner, which is where spouses travel from home-to-home and sample a meal course at each house.

In addition to the meetings, the club has its own bowling group and book club. It visits local orphanages, hosts fundraisers, takes equestrian rides, provides golf outings, arranges tours and sponsors bunko nights. One vital part of the club is the base thrift store which the club runs every Tuesday and Wednesday and the first Saturday of each



Photo by Senior Airman Dallas Edwards

(Right to left) Laura Flynn, thrift store volunteer, helps Vivian Evans, military spouse, and Jim Moss, University of Maryland University College professor, at the Incirlik Thrift Store. The Incirlik Thrift Store is just one of the ways the newly combined spouses club reaches out to the Incirlik community.

month. Most of the proceeds from the thrift store and the club's fundraisers go toward scholarships for students on base, said Mrs. Kemper.

While the social scene will remain fairly the same, the meetings will undergo some reconstruction to accommodate all spouses, said Mrs. Kemper. There will be a co-executive board of directors, meaning one officer and one enlisted spouse for each board position.

"We hope that by increasing membership that new ideas will be implemented to further develop each spouse's enjoyment at Incirlik," said Mrs. Kemper. "We also hope that attendance will increase at each of our functions providing a comfortable atmosphere that makes everyone feel welcome in any event they wish to participate."

The first official function of the new consolidated group will be a wine and cheese reception Wednesday at the club beginning at 6:30 p.m. The reception is to introduce current members, of which there are about 60, with prospective members as well as educate spouses on the group's mission and activities.

"ICSC is a wonderful way to meet some really nice people and find friends with similar interests," said Mrs. Kemper. "There are opportunities to volunteer and make a difference in someone's life and make being in Incirlik a very special time. I encourage all spouses to join us."

CONS starts new year on top

USAFE recognizes contracting squadron's award-winning efforts

By Staff Sgt. Shanda De Anda
39th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

The 39th Contracting Squadron received seven, one of which was awarded to a member of the 39th Civil Engineer Squadron, U.S. Air Forces in Europe-level awards, which recog-

nized individuals as well as a flight, and three functional-level awards.

"The announcement of the USAFE-level award winners Nov. 18 was definitely a huge morale boost not only to the winners but to the supervisors and co-workers as well," said Master Sgt. Jeff Martin, 39th CONS superintendent. "We all know that while one person may get recognized there are many contributing to their success."

Although as a squadron they may face challenges, their actions are proof positive that the 39th CONS are up for the challenges and

use them as opportunities to excel.

"Our biggest challenge is getting the customer what they need when they need it while staying within the guidelines established by Congress," said Sergeant Martin. "Being a good steward of tax dollars requires constant attention to the ever changing federal, Department of Defense and Air Force regulations."

"Additionally, we must stay abreast of court decisions, General Accountability Office decisions and opinions, and the local and international business markets. There is a huge amount of preparation that goes into making a contract a success."

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Photos by Senior Airman James Seymore III
Metin Acan, 39th Contracting Squadron contract administrator was the recipient of U.S. Air Forces in Europe Outstanding Contracting Civilian award.

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The CONS met these challenges and accomplished more than \$100 million in contract work and ensured the 39th Air Base Wing was able to successfully accomplish its mission. These accomplishments resulted in the base support flight being recognized as the USAFE Outstanding Contracting Team. In addition to that award, several individuals in the 39th CONS were also recognized.

"This is the first USAFE-level award I have ever received, and I am very honored," said Metin Acan, 39th CONS contract administrator. "The biggest rewards of my job are, while saving the U.S. government money, satisfying our customers and seeing the finished facility, road or structure as we drive around base."

As the USAFE Outstanding Contracting Civilian award winner, Mr. Acan managed more than 12 construction projects worth \$18 mil-

lion, the impact of which was felt throughout the wing and the geographically separated units; led the \$1.3 million mobility processing center repair; saved \$102,000 and improved the stopover site for more than 7,000 rotational troops. The only other civilian USAFE winner from Incirlik was Tuncay Esitmez, 39th CONS contracting systems specialist, who was also recognized as the USAFE Outstanding Contracting Support in 1997.

"I always do my best in my job and appreciate it," said Mr. Esitmez. "We deal with external and internal customers and that exposure to different personalities and different skills helps us learn a lot from each other. It's nice to know that we are part of the Air Force family who is taking care of the people who accomplish the Incirlik mission daily."

Among Mr. Esitmez's award-winning accomplishments, he managed and maintained 42 computers and printers, keeping squadron systems 100 percent operational, and he processed more than 900 actions and more than \$100 million worth of acquisitions. Staff Sgt. Dartamien Brown, also a contract specialist, was recognized as USAFE's Outstanding Contracting Airman.

"I am truly honored that my peers and management think so highly of my performance and representation of the Air Force," said Sergeant Brown. "This is my first USAFE-level award and I attribute it to the great work and camaraderie that we have in this unit. I have never seen an organization so cohesive."

Sergeant Brown's accomplishments include the administration of more than \$25 million in service and commodity contracts with 100 percent customer satisfaction, seeking out and delivering \$16,000 in life-saving body armor that led to maximum protection for 300 U.S. personnel and led an eight-person team for a \$1.9 million refuse requirement – the results are projected to save \$200,000 over a five-year

period. The final three enlisted awards went to Sergeant Martin, Master Sgt. Brad Smith, 39th CONS base support flight chief (recently PCSed), and Tech. Sgt. Christopher Vansile, 39th CES quality assurance evaluator for the pavements and equipment, and pest management shops.

Sergeant Martin was recognized as USAFE's Outstanding Contracting SNCO. His accomplishments include the oversight of a \$244 million base maintenance contract, energizing \$760,000 housing renovation and managing the \$140,000 passenger terminal upgrade.

Sergeant Smith, USAFE's Outstanding Contracting NCO, award-winning actions included oversight of the \$110 million in bottled water contracts, crafting the \$500,000 general surgeon contract and execution of the \$316,000 end-of-year dorm furniture buy \$22,000 under budget and to the benefit of more than 600 Airmen.

Sergeant Vansile was recognized as the Outstanding Base-Level Quality Assurance Evaluator. His accomplishments include oversight assurance of the heavy repair and entomology portions of the \$240 million Turkey Base Maintenance Contract, the largest in USAFE, and oversight of 100 contractors, \$20 million in real property and 2,500 acres of grounds.

"Being a pavements and equipment craftsman my entire career, I'm glad to be in this position and was very happy to have been submitted, let alone win, at the USAFE level," said Sergeant Vansile. "(This position) gives me great experience understanding and preparing contracts, modifications, funding, manning authorizations and so on. Something I didn't know much about two years ago."

The USAFE-level award winners will now compete at the Air Force level. Air Force-level award winners are expected to be announced in March.

CONS, CE award winners

All winners are from the 39th Contracting Squadron, unless otherwise annotated. The winners were:

USAFE-level awards:

Outstanding Contracting Civilian (GS-11 and below):

Metin Acan

Outstanding Contracting Support: **Tuncay Esitmez**

Outstanding Contracting Team: Base Support Flight

Outstanding Contracting Enlisted Member (Senior NCO): Master Sgt. **Jeff Martin**

Outstanding Contracting Enlisted Member (NCO):

Master Sgt. **Brad Smith**

Outstanding Contracting Enlisted Member (Airman):

Staff Sgt. **Dartamien Brown**

Outstanding Base-Level Quality Assurance Evaluator:

Tech. Sgt. **Christopher Vansile**, 39th Civil Engineer Squadron

Functional awards:

Secretary of the Air Force, Professionalism in Contracting (Non-Supervisory Category): Tech. Sgt. **Michael Holder**

Outstanding Contracting Civilian (GS-12 and above):

Joe Reich

Special Recognition Award: **Gunay Tansal**



Staff Sgt. Dartamien Brown, 39th Contracting Squadron contract specialist, earned recognition as the U.S. Air Forces in Europe's Outstanding Contracting Airman.



Photos by Senior Airman Dallas Edwards

(Above) Children at the youth center get a running start in a game of dodgeball in the youth center gymnasium. (Above, right) Kyle Gannon, 6, throws the ball to see how well his playmates are able to dodge the incoming sphere. The youth center's school-age programs offer a variety of creative and active outlets for Incirlik children to participate in/



School-age programs

Youth creativity, activity finds productive outlets

By Staff Sgt. Shanda De Anda
39th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

There is a flurry of activity as the sounds of laughter, balls bouncing, shoes squealing against the waxed gym floor and children's voices all mingle into an amalgamate as the youth center gym comes into view. The name of the game is dodge ball and it is just one of the many activities the YC offers as part of its school-age programs.

School-age programs are open to 5- through 12-year-old children who attend school and are the children of military people, department of defense civilians and contractors. Enrollment fees are broken up into five categories and are based on total family income. There is a \$2.50 per hour flat fee for drop-in care.

"This program offers children life and leisure skills that expose them to activities they may not be exposed to in school or at home," said Jeannie Gooch, YC family member programs training and curriculum specialist. "It is a hands-on, minds-on program designed to enrich children's knowledge of their community and provide enrichment activities to enhance school performance."

The mission of the YC's school-age programs is to provide activities that meet the developmental needs of children ages 5 to 12; to promote their cognitive, social, emotional and physical needs through fun, engaging activities, field trips and guest speakers; and enable active-duty members to perform their duties effectively without worrying about their children.

"By providing children a safe place to come and enjoy themselves while learning new things, we hopefully provide parents with the peace of mind of knowing that they're children are being taken care of so that they can focus on their jobs and the Air Force mission," said Wiyada Lee, YC director.

School-age programs involve children in various activities that

help in their developmental skills from problem solving to thinking more independently. Activities include dodgeball, fine arts and crafts and dance. There are also several clubs available for youth to join for gardening, chess and cooking.

"The most challenging part of being involved in this program is stepping back and having children learn to resolve their own conflicts without immediately stepping in to assist," said Kira MacNeil, YC office automation and former school-age programs assistant. "Giving children the freedom to make choices and holding them responsible for those choices is also a challenge."

However, allowing children this room to find their own way may be key in their personal growth.

"The most rewarding part of being involved in this program is knowing that you make a difference in a child's life and being able to see them grow and develop their skills in a variety of areas" said Ms. Gooch.

To provide the variety of areas to which children are exposed, the YC relies heavily on community involvement and volunteerism.

"We always welcome community members to help and assist with suggesting activities, providing input as far as ideas for field trips and community service projects, contributing as a guest speaker, reader or sharing a skill with children, sharing different cultures and tradition, and so on," said Mrs. MacNeil.

"We are also currently looking for someone with experience who is willing to teach children acting, drama or modeling skills," Mrs. Lee added.

To volunteer or for more information, call the youth center at 6-6670, 6-3246, 6-3256 or 6-3263.

"We truly appreciate the good support from all of our volunteers who are so willing to just volunteer their time," said Mrs. Lee "Without them we couldn't function – my hat is off to them."



Ask MEHMET

By Mehmet Birbiri, *Host Nation Adviser*

Feast of sacrifice

Question: Mehmet, I saw lots of herds of sheep in the streets of Adana and Incirlik this past week. Why is that?

Response: Millions of sheep, goats, calves and camels will be slaughtered Thursday during the Festival of Sacrifice. That's why herds of sheep are seen in the streets recently.

The Festival of Sacrifice falls on the 10th day of the last month of the lunar calendar. That festival means recurring happiness as well as a day of peace, thanksgiving, forgiveness, moral victory, good harvest, remarkable achievements and festive remembrance.

It is a time of the year when the Moslems go to Mecca and other holy sites in Saudi Arabia for a pilgrimage known as the Hajj.

The climax of the Hajj is marked by offering a sacrifice to celebrate completing this devotional course and feeding the poor so they may feel the universal joy of the festival. This duty is not undertaken by pilgrims only, but by all Moslems in every corner of the globe. The sacrifice is a symbol. It is not the meat or blood that is intended to please God, but the expression of thankfulness and the affirmation of faith.

In Islamic tradition, this historic event started when the Prophet Abraham was ordered to prepare his son Ismael as a sacrifice, an order which Abraham and his son unquestioningly obeyed. But, Ismael's life was spared and a ram was used in his stead. The offering of the sacrifice has become an annual celebration to commemorate the occasion and thank God for his favors.

The Festival of Sacrifice is called Kurban Bayrami in Turkish. This year it starts at noon Wednesday and lasts four-and-a-half days. The lunar calendar determines the religious dates which accounts for why the festivals are observed 10 to 11 days earlier every year.

The most notable event of this holiday is sacrificing an animal to Allah. In Turkey, sheep are usually sacrificed. The sacrificed animal should be at least one year old and healthy. While wealthy people can sacrifice



Courtesy photo

Turkish Moslems skin a sheep during the Feast of Sacrifice. The first day of the festival, Turkish citizens slaughter thousands of sheep, goats and calves. This year's festival starts Thursday.

more than one animal, up to seven people can get together to sacrifice a cow or a camel.

Although city officials designate certain areas and state that violators would be fined, sheep are sacrificed everywhere; in gardens, driveways, back yards, streets and even on balconies. This is especially true during the first day of the holiday, Thursday. You can also see animals sacrificed Friday and Saturday.

On the first day, everyone wakes up early to make their final preparations. Male family members go to mosque to perform the special Bayram Namazi, festival prayer, with the men of the community.

The actual sacrifice begins after the men return from the mosque. The head of the family is expected to perform the sacrifice, but a butcher can also be authorized by the head of the family to do the butchering.

The animal is given water and salt, its eyes are wrapped with a clean rag and it is turned to face Mecca. The head of the family recites verses from the Koran, the holy book of the Moslems, and cuts the animal's throat.

The meat is divided into three portions. One is given to the poor, one to neighbors and relatives, and one is kept for the household.

The skin of the sacrificed animals are mostly collected by Turk Hava Kurumu, the Turkish Aviation Association. The income earned from them is shared with the Turkish

Red Crescent, Children Protection Association and other social foundations.

After sacrificing and butchering is completed, everybody dresses in their finest clothes and visits friends, neighbors and other family members. Bayram visits are kept very short and post cards are mailed or phone calls are made to those who cannot be visited.

It is common to tip maids, gardeners, apartment doormen (kapici) and garbage collectors.

In Turkish

kurban - sacrifice
(kurr-bahn)

koyun - sheep
(co-youn)

et - meat
(at)

kasap - butcher
(kah-saap)

Do you have a question about something Turkish? Ask Mehmet. To submit a question, call 6-6060 or e-mail mehmet.birbiri@incirlik.af.mil.

Youth basketball something to cheer about

More than 250 fans, family, friends turn out to kick off 2005 games

Photos and story by

1st Lt. S.J.B. Bryant

39th Air Base Wing, Public Affairs

More than 100 family and friends and 150 players and cheerleaders filled the fitness center Saturday for the official ceremony marking the start of the Youth Basketball Season.

Col. Michael Gardiner, 39th Air Base Wing commander, welcomed the 15 teams and two cheerleading squads in front of the crowd before throwing the premiere toss up officially starting the season.

"Parents, friends, coaches, and players before I pray repeat these words after me — sportsmanship, support, encouragement, fun, be nice to the refs," said Chaplain (Maj.) Ken Reyes, 39th ABW senior protestant chaplain, before he prayed at the ceremony. "... because these are all very important parts of the game."

Many may have snickered at these words, but few disagreed that these were the things basketball is made of.

However, before the commander's welcome and the chaplain's prayer, all 163 players and coaches were individually recognized by Incirlik's youth center director and program staff. Then, the base Honor Guard posted the colors and 2nd Lt. Kathryn Repsholdt, 39th Mission Support Squadron, sang the "National Anthem."

All that was left to do was "play ball" after Colonel Gardiner tossed the ball into the air for the official "first tip off of the season." Afterward, each team played against its own age division throughout the day. Games will continue to be played every Saturday until March.

For more information on games times and teams, call the YC at 6-6670.



Left to right: Amari Brigman, Briahna Thompson and Taylor Dugger cheer for their favorite team during the 2005 Youth Basketball Season opening ceremony Saturday at the fitness center. These are only three of the "spirit leaders" out of 25 ages 5 to 12 who will perform at basketball games throughout the season until March. More than 250 people attended the ceremony and were introduced to the 163 players, coaches and cheerleaders.



Above: Col. Michael Gardiner (left), 39th Air Base Wing commander, prepares to toss the tip off at the opening ceremony Saturday.

Left: Keoni Cress (left) catches a pass by teammate Nick Singh at a game Saturday after the opening ceremony at the fitness center.

THE INCIRLIK GUIDE

Home Business Market

A Home Business Market will be at the community center Saturday at 10 a.m. Table rental is \$10. For more information, call 6-1032.

Youth of the Year award

Youth, ages 13 to 18, are eligible to win the Air Force Youth of the Year award and a trip to Washington, D.C. Application packages are available at the youth center. For more details, call 6-6670.

Poker tournament

A Texas Hold 'Em tournament is scheduled at the club Jan. 22 at 4 p.m. Buy-in fee is \$10 for members, \$15 for non-members. For details, call 6-6086.

Restitution information

First Command customers who purchased systematic investment plans between Jan. 1, 1999 and Dec. 15 may be eligible for restitution. For more information, call Maj. Patrick Dyson at DSN 227-0413; commercial (703) 697-0413 or e-mail patrick.dyson@pentagon.af.mil.

Clothes drive

New or used clothing is now being collected for wounded soldiers by the Air Force Sergeants Association Chapter 1690. Call 6-6014 for more details.

WARRIOR OF THE WEEK



Staff Sgt. Evan Schleifer,
39th Air Base Wing
Anti-Terrorism/Force Protection NCOIC

Time in service: 10 years

Hometown: Miami, Fla.

Time on station: 10 months

Hobbies: Bowling

Why did you join the Air Force?

I wanted to see the world

What do you like most about Incirlik?

The friendly people

How do you contribute to the air base wing's mission? By protecting Incirlik Air Base and support unit personnel and facilities from terrorist incidents.

What is your favorite motto?

If I had to live my life again, I would make the same mistakes only sooner.

What Air Force core value best describes you? Service before self.

Supervisor's quote:

"Sergeant Schleifer epitomizes the modern NCO," said Master Sgt. Tony Smith, 39th ABW antiterrorism officer. "He is dedicated, professional and can be counted on to complete every task assigned."



Photo by Senior Airman James Seymore III

Head over heels

Seniz Unalmis assists Ariel McClinton, 12, in performing a back flip during rhythmic gymnastics class at the youth center. Class are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. for children of all ages. Other after-school instructional classes are also available. Call the youth center at 6-6670 for more information.



The key (above) is the solution for the crossword puzzle published in the Jan. 7 edition of the *Tip of the Sword*.

Classifieds

Found: Girl's bike. Found in Phantom Housing area close to the railroad tracks. Call 0535-214-8514 for more information.

Volunteers needed: Youth Sports Advisory Committee members are needed to set up quarterly meetings, league by-laws, policies and surveys. Call the youth center at 6-3246 or 6-6670 for details.

For sale: 1987 Honda Accord. Runs great! Must sell for \$1,500 or best offer. Also for sale is a very nice Eternity archery target for \$35. Call 6-2122 for more information.

Help wanted: Job seekers should contact the job hotline for employment opportunities at Incirlik by calling 6-6677 or stop by the Civilian Personnel Office (building 833) or the family support center.

COMBAT, SPECIAL INTEREST PROGRAM

Crossroads Café

The Crossroads Café is closed today and Saturday for the holiday.

The Big Loser 2005

The health and wellness center sponsors a Big Loser 2005 competition Jan. 24 through April 22. For more information, call Richelle Kemper at 6-6086.

Golf events

Ladies can play nine holes Tuesday and Wednesday at 2 p.m. for \$9. A **couples scramble** is Jan. 23 at 1:30 p.m. The \$5 fee includes rental clubs but not green fees or cart. For more information, call 6-8995.

Education grant

The Air Force Aid Society's Gen. "Hap" Arnold Education Grant program offers a \$1,500 grant to selected children of active duty, Title 10 and Title 32 Air Guard Reserve, retired or deceased Air Force members. For more information or to apply, log onto www.afas.org.

Chapel happenings

Catholic morning Bible study meets Saturdays at 8:30 a.m. in the chapel conference room. Call Michael Luna at 6-9180 for more information.

The Protestant Women of the Chapel hosts Bible study Tuesdays from 9 to 11 a.m. and again from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the chapel conference room. Call Auline Platt at 6-5959 for details.

Tsunami relief offering/aid

A designated offering will be held Sunday at the chapel for the Tsunami victims. Checks should be made payable to AMS, with a note in the memo that it is for the CRS Tsunami Relief Fund.

The Catholic Relief Services Fund -- through the Archdiocese for Military Services in Washington, D.C. -- will be the relief agency point of contact for all donations from Incirlik. The AMS will distribute funds to victims as needed.

Units are encouraged to donate as a whole. Drop off times are 8, 9:30 and 11:15 a.m. and 6 p.m. For details call 6-6641.



Fit to be tied

Photo by Airman Bradley Lail

Magician Rodney Kelly is all tied up by Tech. Sergeant Dale Goods, 39th Air Base training manager (left) and Jude Sorg, 39th Services Squadron business operations flight chief, as part of a magic show at Incirlik Jan. 7 as part of the Department of Defense Armed Forces Entertainment tour.



AT THE OASIS

Today

7 p.m. – SpongeBob SquarePants (PG) – Animated. King Neptune's crown has been stolen and the prime suspect is SpongeBob's boss, Mr. Krabs. SpongeBob teams up with his best friend on a mission to Shell City to clear Mr. Krabs of the charges. (88 minutes)

9 p.m. – Team America: World Peace (R) – Animated. Team America, an international police force dedicated to maintaining global stability, has learned power hungry dictator, Kim Jong Il, is out to destroy the world. With the help of Broadway star Gary Johnston, the team manages to uncover the plan. (98 minutes)



Saturday

5 p.m. – SpongeBob SquarePants (G) – Animated. (88 minutes)

7 p.m. – National Treasure (PG) – Nicholas Cage is an archeologist seeking gold Revolutionary War forefathers supposedly hid. He believes clues in the original drafts of the Constitution and the Declara-

tion of Independence. (125 minutes)

Sunday

7 p.m. – National Treasure (PG)

Jan. 20

7 p.m. – Ray (PG-13)– Ray Charles went blind at the age of 7. With the staunch support of his determined single mother, he developed the fierce resolve and incredible talent that would eventually enable him to discover his own sound which revolutionized music. (153 minutes)

AT THE M1

Hero (PG-13) — 1, 3, 5, 7 and 9 p.m. (96 minutes)

National Treasure (PG) — 11:15 a.m. and 1:45, 4:15, 7 and 9:30 p.m. and (131 minutes)

The Incredibles (PG) — 11 a.m. and 1:30, 4, 6:45 and 9:15 p.m. (122 minutes)

The Polar Express (G) — Noon and 2:15, 4:30, 6:45 and 9 p.m. (99 minutes)

Movie listings are subject to changes. On-base listings are courtesy of the Army and Air Force Exchange Service Web site at <http://www.aafes.com/ems/euro/incirlik.htm>; M-1 listings are courtesy of the Tempe Cinemaxx Web site at www.tempecinemaxx.com.tr. For more Oasis information and updates, call the movie recording at 6-6986 or the theater office at 6-9140.